

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18493

The purpose of this bill is to provide a statutory framework for the expansion of domestic violence courts to each judicial district. There are currently seven domestic violence courts operating in the state. Domestic violence courts hold offenders accountable, increase victim safety, and provide greater judicial monitoring. Further, through effective case management and coordination, domestic violence courts ensure that decisions in one case do not conflict with existing orders in other civil and criminal cases. Each person convicted of specified alcohol, substance abuse or domestic violence related offenses would be assessed a \$30 fee to be deposited into the statewide Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Family Court Services Fund to be used in accordance with section 1-1625, Idaho Code.

FISCAL NOTE

The \$30 fee would generate an estimated \$321,700 annually to be deposited into the statewide Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Family Court Services Fund to defray the costs of domestic violence court coordination and expenses.

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